

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 213

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

February 2, 2009

An act to amend Section 22502 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 213, as introduced, Bonnie Lowenthal. Vehicles: parking.

Existing law generally requires a vehicle, stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are adjacent curbs, to be stopped or parked with the right-hand wheels of the vehicle parallel with and within 18 inches of the right-hand curb, with specified exceptions, including authorizing a vehicle to be stopped or parked with the left-hand wheels parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on a one-way roadway.

This bill would allow local authorities to permit vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the roadway parallel to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on a two-way local residential street that dead-ends with no designated area in which to turn around provided that the applicable streets are demarcated with signs or markings giving adequate notice of the parking allowances.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22502 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:

22502. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter ~~every~~,
a vehicle stopped or parked upon a roadway where there are
adjacent curbs shall be stopped or parked with the right-hand
wheels of ~~such the~~ vehicle parallel with and within 18 inches of
the right-hand curb, except that motorcycles shall be parked with
at least one wheel or fender touching the right-hand curb. Where
no curbs or barriers bound ~~any a~~ two-way roadway, right-hand
parallel parking is required unless otherwise indicated.

(b) The provisions of subdivision (a) or (e) do not apply to a
commercial vehicle if a variation from the requirements of
subdivision (a) or (e) is reasonably necessary to accomplish the
loading or unloading of merchandise or passengers on, or from,
~~such the~~ vehicle and while anything connected with ~~such the~~
loading, or unloading, is being executed.

~~This subdivision shall not be construed to~~ *does not permit any*
a vehicle to stop or park upon a roadway in a direction opposite
to that in which traffic normally moves upon that half of the
roadway on which ~~such the~~ vehicle is stopped or parked.

(c) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of~~ subdivision (b), local
authorities may, by ordinance, prohibit commercial vehicles from
stopping, parking, or standing on one side of a roadway in a
business district with the wheels of ~~such the~~ vehicle more than 18
inches from the curb. The ordinance shall be effective only if signs
are placed in the areas to which it is applicable clearly indicating
the prohibition.

(d) This section does not apply to vehicles of a public utility
when ~~such the~~ vehicles are being used in connection with the
operation, maintenance, or repair of facilities of the public utility
or are being used in connection with providing public utility
service.

(e) Upon a one-way roadway, vehicles may be stopped or parked
as provided in subdivision (a) or with the left-hand wheels parallel
to and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb, except that
motorcycles, if parked on the left-hand side, shall have either one
wheel or one fender touching ~~such the~~ curb. Where no curb or
barriers bound ~~any such a~~ one-way roadway, parallel parking on
either side is required unless otherwise indicated.

~~The provisions of this~~

~~This subdivision shall~~ *does not apply upon the roadways of a*
divided highway.

1 (f) *Local authorities may, by ordinance or resolution, permit*
2 *vehicles to park on the left-hand side of the roadway parallel to*
3 *and within 18 inches of the left-hand curb on two-way local*
4 *residential streets that dead-end with no cul-de-sac or other*
5 *designated area in which to turn around. The ordinance or*
6 *resolution may designate certain streets or portions of streets on*
7 *which the permission applies. The ordinance or resolution*
8 *permitting that parking shall not apply until signs or markings*
9 *giving adequate notice thereof have been placed.*

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